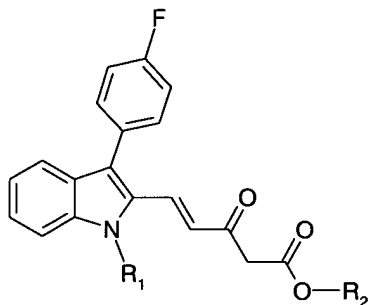


IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the prior claims listing by the following listing.

1-12 (cancelled).

13. (previously presented): A compound of formula

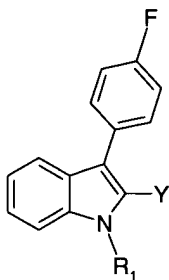


(2),

wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl and
 R_2 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical.

14. (original): A compound according to claim 13, wherein
 R_1 is isopropyl and R_2 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

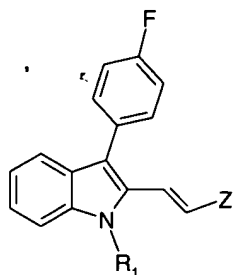
15. (withdrawn): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (2) according to claim 13,
wherein a compound of formula



(5),

wherein R_1 is as defined in claim 13 and
 Y is bromine, chlorine, iodine, $-\text{OSO}_2\text{CF}_3$ or $-\text{COCl}$,
is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{Z}$, wherein
 Z is the radical $-\text{COOR}_4$, $-\text{COR}_5$ or $-\text{CN}$,
 R_4 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical and
 R_5 is a hydrocarbon radical or unsubstituted or substituted amino,

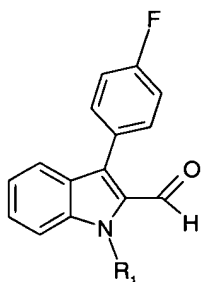
and the resulting compound of formula



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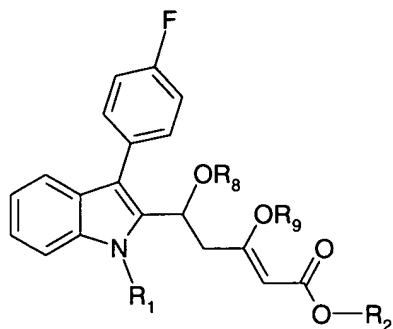
optionally after conversion of the compound of formula (6) wherein Z is the radical -COOR_4 into the corresponding acid chloride or into the free acid,
is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula $\text{-CH}_2\text{-COOR}_2$ wherein R_2 is as defined in claim 13.

16. (withdrawn): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (2) according to claim 13, wherein a compound of formula



(9)

is reacted with a compound of formula $\text{CH}_3\text{-CO-CH}_2\text{-COOR}_2$ and, optionally, then with a compound that introduces a protecting group, to form the compound of formula



(10)

wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 13 and

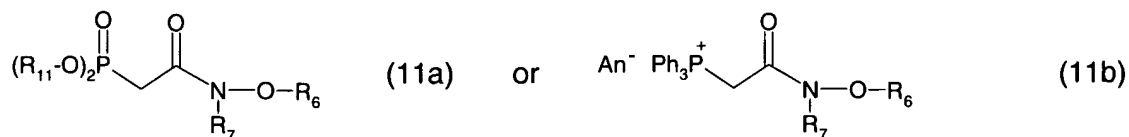
R_8 and R_9 are hydrogen or a protecting group,

a double bond is introduced under acidic or basic conditions, and any protecting group that may be present is removed.

17. (withdrawn): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (2) according to claim 13, wherein a compound of formula



is reacted with a compound of formula



to form the compound of formula



and that compound is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula -CH₂-COOR₂ wherein R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 13,

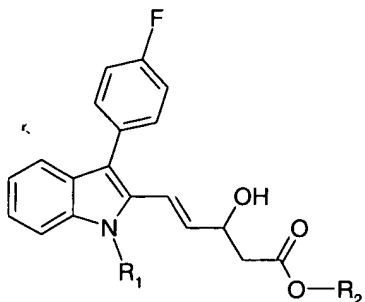
R₆ and R₇ are hydrogen or hydrocarbon radicals,

R₁₁ is C₁-C₄alkyl or phenyl,

Ph is phenyl and An⁻ is an anion

18. (cancelled).

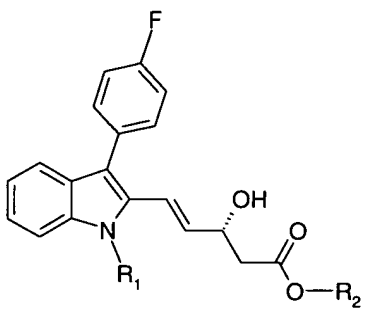
19. (previously presented): A compound of formula



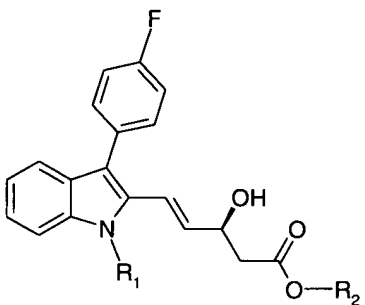
(3),

wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl and
 R_2 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical.

20. (original): A compound according to claim 19 of formula



(3a) or



(3b)

wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 19.

21. (previously presented): A compound according to claim 20, wherein
 R_1 is isopropyl and R_2 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

22-28. (cancelled).